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SUBJ: PDRY BORDER CONCENTRATIONS

REF: STATE 152967 AND PREV

GUS (NOTAL)

1. JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA TOLD ME JULY 17 THAT ON JULY 14 HE WAS TOLD BY COMMAND COUNCIL CHAIRMAN HAMDI ABOUT HIS MEETING WITH ME SAME DAY ON SUBJECT OF PDRY'S ALLEGED INVASION PLANS. HAMDI EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN ABOUT SPEED OF EXPECTED USG RESPONSE AND ASKED THAT KING HUSSEIN BE REQUESTED TO EXPRESS CONCERN TO USG ABOUT YARG MILITARY SITUATION. MUSTAFA RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THERE ANY POSSIBILITY OF PDRY ATTACK UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES. HE CAUTIONED HAMDI ABOUT BEING UNREALISTIC IN HIS EXPECTATIONS OF USG.

2. NONE OF KNOWLEDGEABLE FOREIGN OBSERVERS (BRITISH, SAUDIS, JORDANIANS) WITH WHOM I HAVE DISCUSSED PDRY BORDER CONCENTRATIONS HAS DISCERNED ANY AGGRESSIVE INTENT ON PART OF PDRY. I STILL BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT MOST USEFUL TO PROVIDE HAMDI WITH OUR CAREFUL EVALUATION OF SITUATION ALONG

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BORDER, MAINLY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT WE TAKE HIS CONCERNS

SERIOUSLY. HAMDI IS TO MY MIND SKEPTICAL OF GENUINENESS
OF OUR INTEREST IN VIEW OUR LONG DELAY RESPONDING TO
SAUDI-YEMENI PROPOSALS FOR RE-EQUIPPING YEMENI ARMED
FORCES, SKEPTICISM ALMOST CERTAINLY HEIGHTENED BY
PRINCE FAHD'S COMMENTS TO HIM THAT HE SHOULD NOT DEPEND
USG TO RESPOND QUICKLY IN MILITARY FIELD (NWJ-459).
IF FEASIBLE, THIS WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIREABLE MOMENT TO
PROVIDE LONG-AWAITED RESPONSE.
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